UTA Audit Committee Meeting

August 23, 2021



Call to Order and Opening Remarks



Pledge of Allegiance



Safety First Minute



Consent

a. Approval of June 21, 2021 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes



Recommended Action (by acclamation)

Motion to approve



Reports

- a. Changes to the Final Version of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) from the June 21, 2021 Audit Committee Approval
- b. Internal Audit Update



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Internal Audit Update



Internal Audit Plan Status

Engagement #	Preliminary Assessment / Audit	Status
20-07	Capital Projects Preliminary Assessment	Complete
21-01	Fares Revenue Implementation Follow Up	In progress
21-02	Utility Costs - PA/Audit	Complete
19-07	Payroll - Follow up	Complete
21-03	Maintenance of Way (Systems) - PA	Complete
20-01	Procurement Contract Management - Audit	Complete
21-04	Bus Training and Ops - PA	Complete
20-02	Transit Oriented Development - Audit	Nov-21
20-04	Maintenance of Way (Infrastructure) - Follow up	Oct-21



Internal Audit Plan Status

Engagement #	Preliminary Assessment (PA) / Audit	Status
19-05	Data Access - Audit	In progress
19-08	Accounts Payable - Follow up	In progress
21-05	Information Technology General Controls - PA	In progress
21-06	Fuel Costs - PA/Audit	Planned Oct-21
21-07	Debt - PA/Audit	In progress



Outstanding Issues



Open Items Table



Internal Audit Report Review

- a. Procurement Contract Audit (R-20-01)
- b. Bus Operations and Safety Preliminary Assessment Report (R-21-04)



Procurement Contracts Audit (R-20-01)



Procurement Contracts - Scope

Audit Scope		
Governance	Contract Documentation	
Contract Need	Contract Database	
Vendor Selection	Contract Amendments	
Contract Review and Approval		

We reviewed projects commenced between 1/1/2019 and 6/31/2021.



Procurement Contracts Audit Conclusion

- The department does not have control to review Vendors for possible conflicts. Conflicts could include previous advisory position, UTA employee relatives, bad reported work ethics, or lawsuits.
- Previously identified risk relating to Protest have been mitigated
- Tests were conducted using the Draft SOP due to SOP and Department Manual had not been finalized. The Draft addressed all concerns, exception listed above, identified in the preliminary assessment.



Bus Operations and Safety Preliminary Assessment Report (R-21-04)



Bus Operations and Safety - Scope

Audit Scope		
Governance	Public Safety	
Operator Training and Oversight	Accessibility Compliance	
Maintenance		

We reviewed periods between 1/1/2020 and 4/30/2021.





Bus Operations and Safety Preliminary Assessment

- No issues were noted in governance
- We noted particular strength in the area of bus operators. Operators receive robust training, management exercises effective oversight, and route planning and execution are efficient.
- Maintenance activities are well organized and extensive to ensure the safe operation of the bus fleet.
- Bus Operations is in compliance with ADA standards.



Bus Operations and Safety Recommendations

- The following represent suggested process improvements and are not indications of critical failures or gaps.
- Management should update emergency management plans and ensure drills occur biannually.
- Management should require operators to use the electronic speaker for external announcements.
- ➤ Require operators to complete refresher training on the requirement to secure passengers.



Bus Operations and Safety Recommendations

- ➤ Updates are needed to the SOP "Serving Customers with Disabilities", including alignments to new UTA policies, refinements to priority seating policy, and collaboration with the ADA Compliance Officer.
- ➤ Accessibility information should be featured on the main menu of the GoRide application.
- > Fuel delivery verification should be documented and retained.



Other Business

a. Next meeting: Monday, November 15, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.



Adjourn

